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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Title: Descriptive Study of County versus State Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Programs.

OMB No.: New Collection

Description: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is proposing an information collection activity as part of the Descriptive Study of County and State Administered TANF Programs. The proposed information collection consists of semi-structured interviews with key County and State staff on questions of county TANF administration, policies, service delivery, and program context. Through this information collection, ACE seeks to gain an in-depth, systematic understanding of the differences in program implementation, operations, outputs and outcomes between state and county administered TANF programs, and identify special technical assistance needs of state supervised, county administered programs.

Respondents: Semi-structured interviews will be held with state and county TANF administrators and staff.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Annual Number of Respondents	Number of Responses Per Respondent	Average Burden Hours Per Response	Annual Burden Hours
State TANS administrators				
discussion guide	6	1	1	6
State human service department director discussion guide	6	1	1	6
County TANS administrators discussion guide	12	1	1.5	18
County executives discussion guide	12	1	1	12

County TANS directors' associations discussion guide	6	1	1.5	9
Telephone interview protocol for state TANS directors	30	1	0.5	15

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 66

Additional Information:

Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: OPRE Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection. E-mail address: OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov.

OMB Comment:

OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the Federal Register. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the following:

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